

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

At the outset, the Applicants wish to thank the examiners for the courtesy shown to their representatives during a personal interview on June 28, 2005. The following includes a summary of the substance of the interview.

Claims 34-51 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as obvious over USPN 5844918 to Kato. The Applicants respectfully traverse.

Each of the independent claims is amended herein, in accordance with the discussion during the interview, to recite that at least one of the code blocks comprises a plurality of the transport blocks, in order to emphasize one of the constitutional differences between the present amended claims and USPN 5844918 to Kato.

Accordingly, it is submitted that each of the present independent claims patentably distinguishes over Kato by reciting features as follows:

- (1) attach CRC bits to plural transport blocks,
- (2) concatenate the transport blocks, and
- (3) segment the concatenated transport block into code blocks including adding a predetermined bit to the beginning of one of the code blocks so that each code block has one of the CRC bits as a

last bit thereof,

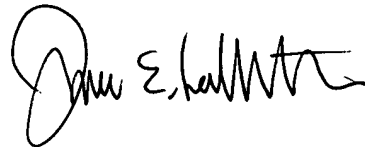
(4) wherein at least one of the code blocks comprises a plurality of the transport blocks.

Due to at least the above-noted features, it is submitted that each of the present claims is allowable over Kato. The examiners indicated during the interview that such amended claims appear to overcome Kato, subject to further review and an updated search.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain that may be best resolved through a telephone communication, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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